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FOR MARY KING, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, ACTION AGENCY FROM
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SUBJ: PROPOSED ACTION LETTERS TO EGYPTIAN MINISTERS

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1. I ALSO REGRET WE DID NOT HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET
TOGETHER DURING MY RECENT STAY IN WASHINGTON. LAST
MINUTE MEETING WITH ATHERTON RE PEACE EFFORT WAS MORE
PROTRACTED THAN I HAD EXPECTED AND KEPT ME UNTIL I HAD
TO LEAVE FOR AIRPORT. HOPE WE CAN MEET NEXT TIME I
AM IN WASHINGTON.

2. RE LETTER WHICH YOU PROPOSE TO SEND TO MINISTERS,
I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH BASIC THRUST, BUT DO SUGGEST
DELETION OF THE SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO AID IN THE PROPOSED
TEXT. THUS, YOUR SENTENCE COULD SIMPLY READ "MEANWHILE,
WE WILL BE WORKING WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF EXISTING
PROGRAMS AND WITHIN CURRENT BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN
THE UNITED STATES AND EGYPT TO RESPOND TO MRS. SADAT'S
REQUEST FOR REHABILITATION SPECIALISTS."

3. THE REASON I SUGGEST THE ABOVE DELETION IS THAT IT
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STRIKES ME THERE ARE A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT POSSIBLE
BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS WHICH MIGHT BE CONSIDERED AS A
MECHANISM FOR HANDLING THIS PARTICULAR PROGRAM. AS FOR
AID, IT HAS SPECIFICALLY BEEN SEEKING TO DIRECT ITS
RESOURCES TOWARDS BASIC HEALTH OUTREACH SERVICES AND HAS
ALREADY HAD TO INFORM THE EGYPTIAN-AMERICAN JOINT WORKING
GROUP ON MEDICAL COOPERATION OF ITS INABILITY TO FINANCE

CERTAIN PROPOSED JOINT WORKING GROUP ACTIVITIES WHICH ARE OF A SOPHISTICATED OR CURATIVE NATURE. WHILE THE REHABILITATION PROGRAM FITS SOMEWHERE BETWEEN AID'S PROGRAM PRIORITIES AND THE MORE SOPHISTICATED PROPOSALS EMANATING FROM THE JOINT WORKING GROUP, A LETTER WHICH DIRECTLY RELATES AID TO THE REHABILITATION PROGRAM COMING JUST SHORTLY AFTER THE MOST RECENT JWG MEETING COULD CAUSE SOME CONFUSION WITH EGYPTIAN MEDICAL PROFESSION LEADERS.

4. DON BROWN WILL BE ON CONSULTATION IN AID/W THE WEEK OF JUNE 26. I SUGGEST IT MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR HIM TO MEET WITH YOU ABOUT HOW THIS ACTIVITY MIGHT BEST PROCEED.

5. AS FOR A CONTACT WITHIN THE USAID, STAN APPLEGATE IS AWAY FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS AND HIS OFFICE IS BEING RUN BY DR. SHUTT, HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING ADVISER. CERTAINLY I SEE NO PROBLEM WITH CONTACTS DIRECTLY WITH APPLEGATE AND SHUTT, ALTHOUGH ANY EVENTUAL AID ROLE WILL HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT SPECIFICALLY WITH AID/W AND WITH LEADERSHIP IN THE USAID. EILTS

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